

December 15, 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

Words of Meditation

"Peace is not the product of terror or fear....Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all. Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is right and it is duty."
-Archbishop Oscar Romero

Gathering Music /Announcements/Welcome/Bell/Quiet

Circle Hymn 328 (purple) **Surely The Presence**
*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each
face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place!*

Call to Worship

One: Advent is ...

All: A pilgrimage of the soul,

One: A child's delight,

**All: A journey to our own Bethlehem where something
new waits to be born.**

One: Advent is ...

All: Responding to a deep yearning,

One: Going on a quest,

All: Following a star to a place of wonder and joy.

One: Advent is ...

All: Bright lights and Christmas trees,

One: Watching and anticipating,

**All: Waiting for a baby's cry, the angels' song and the
whole world rejoicing.**

One: Come, let us begin our Advent journey.

UMH #211 (purple)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

See insert for lighting of the Advent candles!

UMH #237 (purple)

Sing We Now of Christmas

Sharing Your Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer*, Three Fold Amen

TFWS #2193 Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Offering Prayer and Doxology, pg. 95 (purple)

Scripture Readings

See insert: Luke 1:46-55,
Matthew 11:2-11

Message: Finding Peace

Gordon Barbosa, Lay Leader

UMH #239 (purple)

Silent Night, Holy Night

UMH

(Your favorite Christmas Hymns)

Closing Circle Hymn 431 Let there be peace on Earth

*Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Social
Hall.*

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24 @ 7pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion
Wednesday, December 25 @ 11am



Weekday Gatherings of Evergreen

Tuesdays 9:00 am Breakfast at Laurel Deli All Welcome

Thursdays 1:30 pm Interfaith Vigil & Holy Communion

Zen class this Thursday @ 6:30 pm Dec. 19

Check out our Facebook page & website:

<https://www.facebook.com/Evergreen95437>

<http://evergreenfb.weebly.com/>

Evergreen Leadership

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VISITOR'S INFORMATION & PRAYER REQUESTS



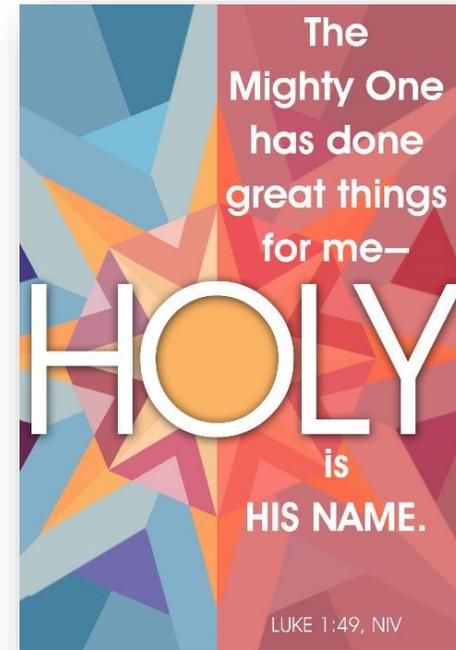
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Evergreen

Community United Methodist Church

Sunday Service, 11:00am

Thursday, 1:30pm Interfaith Vigil and Holy Communion

Today, 3:00 pm Interfaith Circle

Office hours After services and by appointment

We are Welcoming and Inclusive

Open Hearts

Open Minds

Open Doors

As the candles are lit, **sing these lines to "Good King Wenceslas"**:

Leader: Our first Advent Candle - the candle of Peace -
People: Reminds us that Christ is the Prince of Peace and we are to follow his example.

**Candle One is for the Lord: Christ our gift of Peace.
Light one candle, Christ is coming, coming to us each.
Christ is coming as a child, holy, meek and mild,
Candle One is for the Lord: Christ our gift of Peace.**

Leader: Our second Advent Candle - the candle of Hope -
People: Reminds us that there is an end, a finality toward which God is pulling us.

**Candle Two is for the Lord: Christ our gift of Hope.
Light two candles, Christ is coming helping us to cope.
Christ is coming as a child, holy, meek and mild,
Candle Two is for the Lord: Christ our gift of Hope.**

Leader: Our third Advent Candle - the candle of Grace -
People: Is lit today because God deeply and irreversibly loves us just as we are.

**Candle Three is for the Lord: Christ our gift of Grace
Light three candles, Christ is coming, time we must not waste.
Christ is coming as a child, holy, meek and mild,
Candle Three is for the Lord: Christ our gift of Grace.**

Luke 1:46-55

Mary's Song of Praise

(Read Together)

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."